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1. DURING DINNER CONVERSATION WITH USREP EVENING OF MARCH 3, INDIAN REP JAIN, IN DESCRIBING HIS STRING OBJECTIONS TO INTENT OF MEXICO AND SWEDEN TO INTORDUCE IN MARCH 4 CCD INFORMAL MEETINGS A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH STANDING NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, REFERRED ALSO TO HIS CONVERSATION WITH FRENCH AMB ON SUBJECT FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARDS PARTICIPATING IN CCD, IF US-

SOVIET CO-CHAIRMANSHIP WERE ABOLISHED. JAIN, WHO SAID HE HAD KNOWN FRNECH PERMREP TO UN EUROPEAN OFFICE, FERNAND-LAURNET, FOR MANY YEARS, COMMENTED THAT DURING CONVERSATION WITH FRENCH AMB MARCH 1, HE HAD ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHAT WOULD BE FRNECH ATTITUDE TO PARTICIPATING IN CCD IF SOVIET-AMERICAN CO-CHAIRMANSHIP CONCEPT WERE ABOLISHED. JAIN STRESSED THAT FERNAND-LAURNET FOLLOWED CCD DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY AND WAS WELL AWARE OF GOF ATTITUDES TOWARDS THIS PARTICULAR QUESTION. FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S RESPONSE WAS THAT, IF APPROACHED BY CCD, TO THIS EFFECT, FRENCH GOVERNMENT "NATURALLY WOULD WISH TO CONSIDER WHAT SHOULD BE ITS REACTION". JAIN SAID CONTEXT OF THIS REMARK WAS SUCH THAT IT WAS EVIDENT GOF WAS NOT PRESENTLY PREPARED TO COMMIT ITSELF TO PARTICIPATION IN CCD, IRRESPECTIVE OF DECISION BY CCD TO ABOLISH CO-CHAIRMANSHIP CONCEPT.

2. USDEL IS UNABLE EVALUATE PRECISELY VALIDITY OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE DESCRIBED ABOVE BUT FORWARDS THIS INFORMATION TO WASHINGTON AND PARIS, IN HOPE THAT IT MAY BE USEFUL AND THAT EMBASSY PARIS MAY WISH TO COMMENT FURTHER. ISSUE OF CHAIRMANSHIP HAS COME UP FAIRLY OFTER, BOTH IN INTERVENTIONS IN PLENARY AND INFORMAL MEETINGS, AND IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS. SOVIET REP HAS MADE IT EXPLICITLY CLEAR THAT USSR IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY CHANGE IN CO-CHAIRMANSHIP "UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES". USREP HAS, NATURALLY, BEEN MORE NUANCED IN WONDERING IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH CCD REPS WHETHER CHANGE IN CO-CHAIRMANSHIP WOULD, BY ITSELF, INDUCE GOF AND PRC TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICIPATE IN THE CCD CONSIDERATIONS. USREP HAS, HOWEVER, REFRAINED FROM SUGGESTING THAT USG AND USSR HAD BETTER MEANS OF ASCERTAINING ATTITUDES AND INTENTIONS OF FRANCE AND PRC ON DIRECT BASIS, THAN DID CCD AS AN ENTITY. CATTO

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